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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PPP AND NAP

1. DURING CALL ON POLOFF BY AUSTRALIAN DCM MCCARTHY (FROM ISLAMABAD), LATTER STATED HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY "REASONABLY RELIABLE PATHAN SOURCE" IN PESHAWAR ENROUTE TO KABUL FEW DAYS AGO THAT AGHA GHAFFAR KHAN WAS NOW PRIVATELY ADVISING NAP THAT IT SHOULD JOIN FORCES WITH PPP. MCCARTHY ADDED THAT WHEN HE EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT THIS ESPECIALLY AS CONCERNS WALI KHAN, HIS INFORMANT TOLD HIM THAT "WALI KHAN WILL DO WHAT HIS FATHER SAYS."

2. MCCARTHY ADDED THAT HE HAD EXPLORED THIS LINE OF THOUGHT WITH PAK CHARGE BABAR PREVIOUS EVENING AND THAT LATTER HAD CONFIRMED IDEA HAD BEEN RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITHIN NAP CIRCULES IN PESHAWAR. MCCARTHY QUOTED BABAR AS "NOT BEING SURPRISED" AT DEVELOPMENT BUT NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM AUTHENTICITY OF REPORT.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION THIS REPORT AND ARE IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE IT. WOULD APPRECIATE ISLAMABAD AND PESHAWAR COMMENTS. WE RECALL, HOWEVER, THAT REPORTS OF WALI KHAN'S CONVERSATIONS IN KABUL WOULD, IF TRUE, LEND NO CREDENCE TO THIS STORY. WE COULD, HOWEVER, BE BYZANTINE AND WONDER WHETHER WALI KHAN HAD LEFT PAKISTAN PRECIPITATELY IN JANUARY BECAUSE HE WAS OPPOSED
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TO THIS DEVELOPMENT AND DID NOT WISH TO BE PRESENT IF AND WHEN

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HIS FATHER SUCCEEDED IN HAVING SUCH AN APPROACH MADE TO BHUTTO.
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